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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Hayward – Officer Involved Shooting with Armed Robbery Suspects Puts CSU on Lockdown

(U) Police said they were investigating an officer-involved shooting that claimed a woman's life yesterday after a violent confrontation, brief pursuit and crash near the California State University, East Bay campus. Fremont police detectives found a stolen vehicle sought in connection with multiple armed robberies in Fremont and around the Bay Area. When two detectives tried to stop the vehicle at City View Apartment Homes its driver shifted into reverse and rammed a detective's vehicle, injuring both detectives. During the incident, Fremont detectives were forced to fire their duty weapons at the suspect driving the vehicle and one of the female occupants was struck by gunfire. The vehicle then drove out of the apartment complex before crashing at the intersection of Campus and Oaks drives, where a male suspect fled the car on foot. Police took two other people inside the car, a male and female, into custody. Hayward police initially urged CSU students to shelter in place, citing a shooter on the loose near the campus' University Village dormitory on Carlos Bee Boulevard. Officers with Hayward's special-response SWAT unit searched the area without finding the suspect, police said.

SOURCE: 15 March 2017, [The Mercury News](#)

(U) Watsonville – Gang Graffiti Threatens Law Enforcement Officer

(U) A Watsonville police officer was named in a death threat discovered as graffiti on a building on 13 March. The graffiti included state penal code for murder – 187 – and specifically named an officer on the force. Investigators believe the threat was made by a gang member from a local affiliate of a Northern criminal street gang due to gang tags accompanying the threat. There are no suspects in the case, however.

SOURCE: 14 March 2017, [The Mercury News](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Alabama – Poultry Breeder Culls Flock Over Bird Flu Fears

(U) Huntsville – Aviagen, the world's leading poultry breeding company, has euthanized chickens at a farm in Alabama over concerns about bird flu, the company said today, as likely cases of the disease emerged in a top chicken-producing state. Alabama officials said they suspected that poultry at three sites in the state were infected with the virus, about a week after some 90,500 chickens were culled over infections at two commercial operations across the border in Tennessee. A national USDA lab is testing samples from poultry in Alabama to identify the strain of the virus and how lethal it is for birds, after another agency-approved lab identified the H7 subtype of the disease in samples.

SOURCE: 14 March 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Afghanistan – Authorities Hold 24 Amid Questions Over Possible Hospital Insider Attack

(U) Kabul – Afghan authorities have detained 24 people in connection with what appears to have been an insider attack on a military hospital in Kabul last week, including some of the staff. However they

stonewalled a growing chorus of questions about how it was possible for gunmen to get into Afghanistan's largest military hospital which is in close proximity to a heavily fortified US embassy in the heart of the capital. At least 50 people were killed and more than 30 wounded in what security officials say was a well-coordinated operation, involving at least five gunmen dressed as medics. The attack was claimed by IISI although some officials say the group, based mainly in eastern Afghanistan, was unlikely to have been capable of mounting such a sophisticated operation without help from more experienced groups, such as the Haqqani network.

SOURCE: 15 March 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Ethiopia – Gunman Reportedly From South Sudan Kill 28, Kidnap 43

(U) Jor – Gunmen from South Sudan have killed 28 people and kidnapped 43 children in neighboring Ethiopia, a government official said today, another demonstration of how Sudan's civil war threatens the region. The raids occurred in Gambella's Gog and Jor areas, which border South Sudan's Boma region. Oil-rich South Sudan has been mired in a civil war since December 2013. The resulting conflict has split the country along largely ethnic lines and forced more than 3 million people to flee their homes. More than one million of them have found refuge in neighboring countries, especially Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya and Sudan. Regional governments have expressed fears that violence in South Sudan could spill over its borders into their own nations.

SOURCE: 15 March 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) The Netherlands – Dutch Voting Guide Sites Offline in Apparent Cyber Attack

(U) Amsterdam – Two publicly-funded websites used by Dutch voters to help them decide which party to vote for in their national election were inaccessible today, apparently victims of a cyber attack. The sites, "Stemwijzer" and "Kiescompas", are extremely popular, with nearly half of eligible voters using one or the other in the last national election in 2012. However, most voters use them in the weeks ahead of voting, not on election day. Organizers of Stemwijzer tweeted confirmation that their website was being subjected to a distributed denial-of-service, or 'DDoS' attack. It was not clear whether the attacks were related to a Dutch diplomatic row with Turkey that broke out over the weekend, which led to the temporary defacement of numerous small websites in the Netherlands.

SOURCE: 15 March 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Somalia – Four Female Teenage Suicide Bombers Kill Two in Attack Targeting Home

(U) Maiduguri – Four female teenage suicide bombers killed two people and injured 16 others in a residential area in the northeast Nigerian city of Maiduguri. The girls knocked on the door of a house and then detonated their devices. The focus on individual homes is a new tactic. The number of attacks or attempted attacks bearing the hallmarks of Boko Haram in crowded areas, such as markets and refugee camps, has escalated since the end of the rainy season in late 2016. Most of the attacks have either been foiled or the suicide bombers have only managed to blow themselves up.

SOURCE: 15 March 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Turkey – Top Twitter Accounts Vandalized with Nazi Symbols

(U) Ankara – Several prominent Twitter accounts were vandalized today by hackers who posted images of the Turkish flag along with anti-German and anti-Dutch messages. Amnesty International, Forbes, PBS Food, Starbucks Argentina, Justin Bieber Japan, the University of Chicago and the Atlanta Police Department were among the verified accounts that appear to have been compromised. The hackers used inflammatory language and Nazi symbols, including the swastika, to attack the Netherlands and Germany. They also posted a YouTube video that featured clips of Turkish President Recep Tayyip

Erdogan. Twitter said it was working to address the issue, which has been traced to an unidentified "third party app." It said that no additional accounts will be impacted.

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